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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed responsive to the Office action mailed on July 18, 2003, the shortened statutory period for response to which is extended to expire on November 18, 2003, by simultaneously filed petition.

No fee, petition, or certification is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

Please amend the above-identified patent application without prejudice as follows.